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ATTEST: *Paula S. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 03-96

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The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on January 22, 1996, at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. Mr. Kuckkahn thanked members of the Mayor and Council and the Human Rights Commission for their support of the January 15th Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration. Keynote Speaker Joseph Madison delivered an inspirational address and performances by the combined choir and the City's youth, as well as the participation of the award winners helped to make the event a success. This year's Equal Opportunity Employer Awards went to Jobs Unlimited, Inc. and Rockville Day Care Association, Inc. Rabbi Dr. Reeve Brenner, President of Bankshot Basketball, Inc., received the F. Michael Taft Award.

2. The City's latest publication, "Guide to Permit Procedures - Owning a Property in the Rockville Historic District" is now available through the Community Development Department. The publication outlines the location of the City's historic districts and includes the work requiring Historic District Commission approval and the application process and guidelines.

3. Police Chief Terry Treschuk will be acting as the Team Leader for Accreditation Assessment of the Florence, South Carolina Police Department. Chief Treschuk was also appointed to the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) Education and Training Committee, which is a nine member group that sets up all education and training for police chiefs and departments throughout the country.

Re: Presentation of Certificates of
Appreciation to major
contributors to the 1995
Rockville Holiday Drive.

Over \$23,700 was contributed to the 1995 Rockville Holiday Drive. The City recognized the organizations who were instrumental in the successful implementation of the drive as well as those donors who contributed \$200 or more to the drive. The Mayor and Council presented a Distinguished Donor Plaque to Sharon Stevens and Ruth Sprecher, representing Computer Data Systems, Inc., which through the company's annual employee auction, donated \$10,000 to the drive. Distinguished Donor Certificates were presented to Vicky Seymour of the Rockville Junior Chamber of Commerce and to Tom Lawrey, Executive Director of Manna Food Center. Certificates of Appreciation were

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also awarded to the American Legion Post 86, Inc., American Legion Auxiliary Unit 86, Aspen Publishers, Inc., C.J. O'Shaughnessy, Inc., (Jeffrey Z. Slavin, Emma Leyton and Robin Hoffacker), Christ Episcopal School, College Gardens Civic Association, David J. Thomas, David Lord of Smith Lithograph, IBM (Project Thanksgiving), Ladies Auxiliary-Elks Lodge #15, Marriott Management Services, Inc., Melanie Rehr, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, (Adrienne Hatchett and Brenda Shelton, Coordinators), Pettit & Griffith, Ray Smith, Richard and Donna Duffield, Rob Roy and Rebecca Ratliff, Robert Frost Middle School, Rockville Lions Club, Sportland America of Maryland, St. Elizabeth School, St. Mary's Church, Venable, Baetjer and Howard Foundation, Inc., Vitro, Washington-Rockville Lodge No. 15, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Watkins-Johnson Company, and West*Group, Inc.

Re: Presentation of proposal for
"Pike's Peek" road race, by
Montgomery County Road
Runners Club.

Lyman Jordan, Event Director of the "Pike's Peek" Race and Board Member of the Montgomery Road Runners Club (MCRRC), outlined the proposal for the 10K race. He said that the Rockville Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund, the Montgomery County Youth Scholarship Fund, and the Scleroderma Foundation of Greater Washington were three organizations which stood to benefit from the event. Mr. Jordan gave background on MCRRC and some of the races they had conducted in the area, e.g., Twilight Runfest, Rockville Runfest, Halloween Young Run, and the Fritzbe's 10K.

MCRRC is proposing that the race take place on Sunday, April 28 from 9 am to 12 pm, along 6.2 miles of Rockville Pike, from Redland Road to White Flint Mall. Participants will ride the Metro rail from White Flint to the Shady Grove station and then run back. The event will culminate with a party/festival at White Flint Mall. It is anticipated that the race will draw approximately 3,000 runners in the first year and could develop into a race of 10,-15,000 participants in future years. Two lanes of Rockville Pike on the northbound side would be closed for a maximum of 45 minutes at Nicholson Lane and 30 minutes at Gude Drive (between 9:25 and 10:12 am). One lane of traffic will be open northbound (the curb lane) starting at Nicholson Lane. Mr. Jordan said that the real impact would be on cross traffic. As an example, he pointed out that traffic counts estimate that 12 cars per minute crossed Randolph Road and these vehicles would need to be redirected by the police. However, he said that cars would not have to come to a stop and wait to turn around. He said that MCRRC designed the race to have a minimum impact; 100 course marshals would be on the course, and in addition, the Club is planning to do a notification to all the businesses and would talk to those specific Pike businesses which were open on Sunday. He said the Club had conducted other events in the City and along Rockville Pike with great success and they were optimistic about the Pike's Peek Race. The MCRRC is seeking an endorsement in principal from the Mayor and Council, police support and other in-kind support (use of City equipment, publicity, etc.)

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Councilmember Marrinan noted that MCRRC was fairly committed to the race and had received the endorsements of other jurisdictions; he asked if they were planning to go forth with the race even if the Mayor and Council did not endorse it. Mr. Jordan said that knowing how John Sissala, the Race Director felt, the Club would probably not hold the event. Regarding costs, Mr. Jordan said that there was approximately \$3500 associated overtime of the City's police department, and, he said the Club was willing to pick up the cost for the first year of the event. Recreation and Parks Director Burt Hall added that the City recommended that the Road Runners sign a contract to use some of the City's equipment, agreeing to replace any equipment which was broken, and he said the costs for the use our equipment would be minimal

The Mayor and Council agreed to continue discussion of the issue under the "New Business" portion of the agenda. (Clerk's Note: See pages 19-21)

Re: Citizens Forum

1. William Meyer, 804 Leverton Road expressed concern about the Road Race; he cited the disruption of life on a Sunday morning and said that gridlock would occur as it was not possible for one lane to handle traffic. Mr. Meyer also said that it was not evident that the race organizers had consulted with fire and rescue personnel and he encouraged the Mayor and Council to use caution in deciding whether to endorse the race.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Harrison, duly seconded and unanimously

passed, Gayle Byrne was reappointed to serve as Chair of the Animal Matters Board.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Helen Hillstrom was appointed to serve on the Rockville Housing Authority.

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Estelle Berberian was reappointed to serve on the Senior Citizens Commission.

Re: Staff Report of Design Plans for
the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Recreation and Parks Director Burt Hall explained that the project was part of the FY96 CIP Budget. The proposal is to enlarge and improve the lobby of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre which was home to the City's eight resident companies. Attendance has grown a great deal over the last 10 years and the lobby is considerably smaller than needed to handle crowds during intermission and before and after shows. He said improvements would also be made to the facade, upgrades to the concession area, coat room, restrooms, ticket sales area, improvements to the HVAC system, upgrades to the lighting controls, and replacements of aisle carpeting and exit doors. The project budget is \$450,000.

Howard Goldstein, of Schick Goldstein Architects, presented a model and a floor plan of how the improvements, expansion and renovations would look. He noted that the standing area of the lobby would be increased by 65-70%. Construction is planned during the summer months and plans are centered around the theater while it would be in use. Mr. Goldstein also noted that the City's Theater User Groups had a lot

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of input into the development of the design.

John Moser of the Cultural Arts Commission, representing Rockville Music Theater and Rockville Little Theater, said that the user groups looked at the plans very closely, and Mr. Goldstein had been most accommodating having met all requirements and concerns of the group. They were assured by Mr. Goldstein that the debris from the construction would be kept to a minimum, and if the project went out to bid rapidly, it could be completed in six months.

Councilmember Marrinan questioned if the User Groups looked at future needs of the theater and how proposed improvements lent itself to future construction. Mr. Moser said that the Theatre would not change from 500 seats and by making the lobby larger to accommodate 500 seats in the auditorium, there might be a need for additional modifications such as additional storage space and a covered walkway, and the building was capable of accepting such modifications.

Mr. Hall noted that a second phase of the project included a proposal to construct a hallway and stairway down to the Social Hall and would also include an elevator, making the Theatre ADA accessible. Mr. Hall said that consideration was given to expanding the Theatre, however, because of its box-shaped design, such an expansion would be very expensive and would mean having to practically demolish the structure. He said an alternative was to add a balcony which was also expensive and there were some problems with theaters with added-on balconies, e.g., acoustics, ADA, and HVAC.

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Mr. Hall also said there was no interest on the part of the User Groups to increase the theater size because they were selling out now quite comfortably with the schedule and productions currently offered.

Regarding the estimated completion date of September 15, 1996, Mayor Krasnow said that if it was not feasible to do the improvements this year, she saw no problem with pushing the project back for a year. Mr. Kuckkahn said that the project could be moved forward as quickly as possible. When the time came to open bids, staff would be able to give the Mayor and Council a better idea of the costs for some of the provisions in the contract, as well as for the timing element. The Mayor and Council could then discuss plans for proceeding with the project.

Councilmember Dorsey expressed concern about patrons of the theater having to walk from the parking lot to the theater in inclement weather. Mr. Hall noted that the idea of a covered walkway between the Social Hall parking lot to the Theatre could also be considered.

Re: Staff Report and Presentation by
Rockville Center, Inc. (RCI) on
the status of the Town Center
Redevelopment Project.

Mark Troen, Vice President of Development at RCI presented the seventh in a continuing series of quarterly reports. Mr. Troen reminded everyone that the project continued to be an impressive example of a joint venture between the City and the private sector. With the capable efforts and support of staff and the Mayor and Council, RCI

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would not be able to accomplish its goals. In 1992, RCI made a commitment to the City to come up with a feasibility study that would make the project work. The feasibility was presented in January 1993 and a plan was then presented to the citizens. A Transition and Development Agreement was negotiated with the City and in July 1993 a final agreement was reached. Many presentations were made to the community--one notable example of the good work between the community and RCI was the Courthouse Square Task Force which made many of the recommendations seen today. In October 1993, RCI started demolition of what was known as the pigeon coop and has moved forward from that point and much work on the infrastructure has been undertaken since that time.

Mr. Troen mentioned the role of the Planning Commission and said that the preliminary development plan which was submitted in January 1994 and approved in April was the result of a long series of efforts by staff and elected officials to make this the best plan possible with the input of the Task Force and other comments from the public at-large. A plan was created which is coming to fruition; all of the funding efforts were achieved with the City, County and State this past year. RCI has been ahead of schedule in its responsibilities and obligations and they looked forward to exceeding ahead of the schedule set forth in the T&D agreement.

Mr. Troen displayed the newly revised progress schedule and he noted that since his last quarterly report in November, progress had been affected by the weather.

While it was anticipated that Public Works Plan #2, the Courthouse Square Project, would

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be completed at the end of 1995, the wet and cold weather in November delayed some of the work, and since December 11, there have been 30 days in which no work was possible on the project. Mr. Troen said if the weather held at some point, that by the end of the first quarter of 1996, the streets will be completed as the next funding of \$750,000 is contingent upon opening Courthouse Square and Maryland Avenue. Mr. Troen pointed out the progress for the fountain sculpture. On December 11, the Mayor and Council approved the design by artist Dan Davidson. This process took longer than RCI realized and they were now anticipating seeing the fabrication and manufacture of the sculpture. The project will most likely be completed by the end of 1996. Mr. Troen said he was happy to report that demolition was completed on October 23.

Public Works Plan #4, the Monroe Street project was the extension of the existing Monroe Street from its bend in front of the Judicial Center, north to Middle Lane, and it was anticipated to take 9 months. On the newly revised schedule, this work was extended by approximately 45 days because of weather delays, and the estimate date of completion will be the end of the third quarter of 1996. Mr. Troen said that while the length of time had been expanded, work continued to go on. Mr. Troen commented on the ongoing marketing efforts and efforts to build new buildings on the site. RCI started the retail marketing of the facilities and the retail pavilion which will contain restaurants and entertainment venues, is on its way. RCI is negotiating these prospects and Mr. Troen said he was pleased to report that final negotiations have been entered into with a

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number of the prospects. There will be many issues RCI will have to deal with the Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council to ensure that the building gets designed in the best way possible for the City. Mr. Troen said it was important to note that the project focused on office redevelopment. Substantial office space would lead to the long-term success of downtown and RCI was working with City staff to develop the next phase of the marketing efforts--a concerted office brokerage and requests for proposals for the new office building proposed for the center of the site. RCI was planning a presentation with the City, County and State economic development officials to the real estate and brokerage community of the assembled Washington Metropolitan area to begin in the second quarter of 1996.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to Grant
Text Amendment Application
TXT95-0150, as amended,
Potomac Electric Power
Company, Applicant.

To allow relocated power
transmission lines to be placed
above ground.

Ordinance 02-96

Councilmember Harrison expressed concern with the wording of the first paragraph; he said that inclusion of the word "ultimately" implied that anyone would have the chance to underground such utility lines when it was clear that it was the City's policy to have all electric, telephone and other utility lines (except high voltage lines) placed

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underground in all zones. Mr. Harrison asked that the record be made clear that the Mayor and Council are aware that the heavier lines that were not directly serving the Tower Oaks development would remain above ground and any direct line would be required to be underground. Upon motion of Councilmember Harrison, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance was amended to delete the word "ultimately." Upon motion of Councilmember Harrison, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance, as amended was adopted. A copy of the Ordinance can be found in Ordinance Book No. 19 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance To Grant
Text Amendment Application
TXT95-0151, as amended,
Tower-Dawson Limited
Partnership, Applicant.

Ordinance 03-96

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 03-96 amending the Zoning Ordinance to add a new use, "Health Maintenance Organization Facility (HMO)," adding a parking standard for "HMO," and permitting "Medical and Dental Clinics" and "HMO" in a Comprehensive Planned Development (CPD), was adopted as amended. A copy of the Ordinance can be found in Ordinance Book No. 19 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to revise
and amend Ordinance Number 5-
95 appropriating funds and

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levying taxes for Fiscal Year
1996.

Ordinance 04-96

Each fall, the Appropriations Ordinance is amended to provide funding for encumbrances which were outstanding at the end of the previous fiscal year. Also included in this year's proposal is \$22,925 for recreation programs, to be sponsored by revenues generated above and beyond original estimates as well as \$30,735 in the Community Activities Fund, supported by the Community Services Department's fund raising efforts.

Upon motion of Councilmember Wright, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 04-96 revising and amending Ordinance Number 5-95 appropriating funds and levying taxes for Fiscal Year 1996 was adopted. A copy of the Ordinance can be found in Ordinance Book No. 19 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: Adoption of Resolution to
establish an investment policy for
management of City cash.

This is necessary to comply with
a new State law designed to
ensure protection of public
funds.

Resolution 01-96

Finance Director Kevin Deckard explained that the Mayor and Council adopted the first formal investment policy in July 1995; the practices which were codified

had been in place in the City for some time, however this was the first time those practices had been set forth as a formal Resolution. In the beginning of Fiscal Year 1996, the State of Maryland required all cities and counties to adopt written investment policies although they had not yet determined all the guidelines for local governments to follow. Since then, the State has developed guidelines and they asked that the City add three sections to its policy to comply with the guidelines. Mr. Deckard explained that the new language pertained to ethics and conflict of interest standards, diversification, and rate of return performance standards. Mr. Deckard said that once the Mayor and Council adopted the investment policy, it would be sent back to the State for approval.

Councilmember Marrinan commented that the City should be commended for already have undertaken many of the policies. Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Resolution to establish an investment policy for management of City cash was adopted. A copy of Resolution No. 01-96 may be found in Resolution Book No. 11 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: Authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with Metricom, Inc., to permit radio wave transmitters in the public right of way.

Mr. Deckard said that since the issue was a new policy area for the City, further attempts to communicate with the general public were made; an article appeared in Rockville Reports, and the City manager wrote to civic association presidents. Two

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public comments were received; one concern was whether there would be too many transmitters installed in a given neighborhood. The vendor's response to this query was that between 50 and 60 of the devices would be installed evenly spaced throughout the City. The other concern was whether there would be any interference created by the devices that could impact an individual's pacemaker. The response to that query was that the transmitters were installed 50 feet above ground and would always be a good distance from any human being. In addition, the device only contained one watt of voltage. Also, a technique was employed in which the channel the transmitters sent signals on changed 250 times every second in order to minimize the potential for interference. Mr. Deckard noted that the company planned to have all the transmitters installed by July 1996. Staff's recommendation was that the Mayor and Council authorize the agreement with Metricom.

Councilmember Dorsey asked whether a review was done on the opportunity for potential uses the City might have for the devices. City Attorney Glasgow responded that under the agreement, the City would have the opportunity to utilize 50 of the devices.

Mayor Krasnow mentioned that staff and Metricom had provided the Mayor and Council with additional information on the devices; she noted that two of the devices were installed around City Hall and had not yet attracted anyone's attention. She also noted that the terms of the contract had been reduced to three years from the original five, and that the City could terminate the agreement with cause. Councilmember Marrinan

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said that he was somewhat hesitant to move forward before the studies conducted by the Council of Governments on the overall telecommunications issue had been completed yet. However, he said the Mayor and Council's action to reduce the scope of the contract was prudent and he supported the action. Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, authorization was given for the City to enter into an agreement with Metricom, Inc., to permit radio wave transmitters in the public right of way.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Wright noted that Transco had notified all of the properties affected by the clear-cut operation, and he questioned whether neighbors who lived next door to those properties were also being informed. Mr. Kuckkahn said that Transco had promised to contact property owners whose easements were directly involved and he was not aware of any contact they were making with homes adjoining those directly involved. Mr. Kuckkahn said that the City did publish articles in Rockville Reports and this should serve as appropriate and adequate notice. Mr. Wright said that he would like to see in the next issue of the newsletter, a diagram of the pipeline route. Councilmember Harrison noted that there was also a significant amount of City park land that would also be heavily affected by the clear cut operations, and he said some notice needed to be made to the public about what Transco is doing to mitigate the impacts of the operation. Mayor Krasnow said she would like to see what areas of City property are affected in order to

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understand the implications of the operation. Councilmember Marrinan asked if the City had received any direct feedback from those residents dealing with Transco. Mr. Hall responded that he spoke to three residents who called with questions about specific plans for Transco's clearing operations. He said the residents did not like the plans but appeared to be content with the information they received and the offers made by Transco. Mr. Hall said that the City would send out a mailing to all of the affected property owners and this would gauge the reactions of the property owners and offer the opportunity for them to contact the City staff or Mayor and Council if there were still questions, concerns or issues about the operation.

2. Councilmember Marrinan commented on the General Assembly Session's legislative initiatives. He said the City's main focus was to secure funding for the F. Scott Fitzgerald lobby expansion, the Lincoln Park bridge improvements, and the Great Falls Road improvements. Mr. Marrinan asked if the City assigned its own priorities to which of the projects were most important. Mr. Kuckkahn said that background information for all three initiatives had been provided to the City's representatives who have prepared bills. Mr. Kuckkahn said that the City had not prioritized the initiatives as history has shown it was difficult to determine which projects the legislators would be interested in and pursue. Instead, each initiative was being pursued equally.

3. Councilmember Marrinan commended Public Works staff on securing a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment. The grant was

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approved for the Elwood Smith Park Stream Restoration project. Mr. Marrinan asked if the baseball diamond nearby would be affected by the project. Mr. Kuckkahn said that staff would address the issue in its Worksession on storm water management.

4. Councilmember Harrison asked the City Manager to address the issue of school beacons at Julius West Middle School. The City and the principal of the school asked for the State Highway's cooperation in securing the beacons. The State Highway Administration (SHA) reported that they will not provide the beacons. Mr. Kuckkahn said that SHA used a warrant system which looked at the need in relevance to other projects as well as the State's perceived need, and they determined that the beacons in the area did not qualify under their warrant system. Mr. Harrison said that a public safety issue did exist and he asked that staff continue to actively pursue the issue with SHA. Mayor Krasnow agreed that the issue should be pursued further. Councilmember Marrinan suggested that the City involve the State Delegation.

Re: New Business -

1. Rejection of Bid Award - Mayor Krasnow explained that on January 11, 1996, the Mayor and Council approved an award for two standard sedans for a total of \$23,624. Staff provided new information indicating that the need for the two sedans could be better satisfied through the purchase of a 4-wheel drive sport utility vehicle in order to be better prepared for snow and other emergencies. Councilmember Wright pointed out that the City did have a comprehensive plan for replacing City vehicles. The Mayor

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added that the City also had a Vehicle Utilization Task Force which annually reviewed the City's fleet needs and the Task Force recommended that this exchange be approved.

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the award (#0011T800364) for two standard staff sedans was revoked and staff was authorized to award Bid #SA06 96 to Criswell Chevrolet for \$21,444 for the purchase of one four-door sport utility vehicle.

2. Walking Town Meetings - Mayor Krasnow noted that the Mayor and Council would begin their Walking Town Meetings in March; she pointed out that the response to this new initiative had been so tremendous that the Mayor and Council were already booked for the remainder of 1996; however residents could call and request Walking Town Meetings for 1997.

3. Pike's Peek Road Race Proposal - Councilmember Harrison said that if the race became a success, it would expand very rapidly and involve a great many runners and would close down Rockville Pike, Hungerford Drive and part of Frederick Road for a substantial part of the day. Mr. Harrison said this was a significant issue for the City and could potentially cause a major inconvenience.

Councilmember Marrinan noted an earlier point regarding the negative impact on emergency vehicles response time. He said the City was dealing with an organization (MCRRC) which was a superb organization and had been superlative in all of their efforts in the City. In addition, City staff have demonstrated an ability to plan and

take on this new type of challenge. Mr. Marrinan said he would support going forward with support for the race although he did have some concerns about the in-kind costs associated with the race. Mr. Marrinan said that the race was a worthwhile endeavor which replaced the Fritzbe's Run. Mr. Marrinan said that it was difficult to not give approval when one dealt with a quality organization like MCRRC.

Councilmember Wright pointed out that there were already two races done in association with the City and he questioned how many races in a year did the City want to be associated with. He said while the Pike's Peek race would replace the Fritzbe's race, it did present a lot of problems in terms of the conduct of the race.

Mayor Krasnow asked staff if the concern regarding emergency vehicle access been addressed. Mr. Hall said that the 8K and 10K also affected the firehouse and the policy was that essentially the race would be disrupted if it was necessary to bring rescue vehicles onto the course. He said that runners are also instructed to stop upon hearing an emergency siren.

Councilmember Dorsey asked if the emergency vehicles could be dispatched from other locations during the race hours. Mr. Hall said that during the Twilight Runfest, the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department station on Hungerford Drive stationed an ambulance on the west side of the race course which not only served the race but also provided a vehicle which could get out to West Rockville without going across the course.

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Mr. Hall assured that staff worked closely with the fire departments in coordinating street closing for these types of events.

Mr. Hall also said that staff would be looking at the logistics for closing the roads, e.g., having the barricades put out at 8:30 a.m. with the race beginning at 8:45 so the barricades are not in place for hours prior to the race starting. He said that for a 10K race, one-half of the barricades could even be placed out.

Mayor Krasnow said that she would feel more comfortable not making a decision until the Mayor and Council have had an opportunity to look at the information provided and the MCCRC had a chance to get feedback from businesses along Rockville Pike and staff to go over the safety plan. Councilmember Harrison asked that staff also determine what would happen when the race expanded and an entire portion of the pike was needed. Councilmember Marrinan suggested the religious community be involved in order to assess their understanding of the impact of the race. Mayor Krasnow said that since the race neither started nor ended in the City, but definitely affected Rockville, she would like to be convinced that there is a positive payoff to the City if the City were to endorse it. Mayor Krasnow suggested the issue be voted on at the February 12 General Session.

Re: Adjourn to Worksession

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in General Session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m. to reconvene immediately after

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in Worksession to discuss the issue of telecommunications structures. Mayor Krasnow announced that due to the late hour, the Worksession on Stormwater Management would be deferred to February 5.

Re: Siting of Cellular
Telecommunications Structures

The Mayor and Council met with Greg Diamond and John Steele, representatives of Bell Atlantic/Nynex Corporation. Also present were Planning Director Lisa Rother, Community Development Director Neal Herst and Administrative Assistant Andrew Cole. In recent months, the City has received several requests to locate cellular telecommunications towers on City-owned property. One specific request was made by Bell Atlantic/Nynex Corporation which is proposing to lease land at the Redgate Golf Course to install a cellular phone antenna. Staff was recommending that an agreement for the Redgate site be allowed to proceed.

Mr. Cole explained the report on the issue of telecommunications infrastructure within the City. The report outlined some issues for consideration and recommendations for implementing a strategy to facilitate the provision of these structures within the City.

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The following issues were discussed:

- o Fee Guidelines - The Planning Division recommended that no increase be made in the fee for proposed structures specifically for monopoles.
Suggestion was made that one fee could be retained for residential uses in residential zones and a different fee established for other zones, e.g., commercial. Staff was asked to look at the fee issue once the Council of Governments (COG) completes its review.
- o The Mayor and Council will need to decide
 - how to deal with the request for placement of a monopole on the Redgate Golf Course;
 - how to deal with the issue City-wide;
 - would the height limitations prohibit placement of monopoles on buildings; and
 - with the City's recent approval of equipment lockers to be placed below ground, how would this affect other monopole installations.

The Mayor and Council generally supported the idea of monopoles in the City; however they would like to see some comprehensive public policy structure before any type of approval is given on the Redgate request. A text amendment dealing with cellular telecommunication issues might be needed.

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Staff pointed out that the Redgate request was approved by the Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission, and the height of the monopole proposed to go in at Redgate was approved through the special exception process.

Mr. Diamond invited the Mayor and Council to tour the Bethesda Country Club site where Bell Atlantic/Nynex Corporation has a monopole installed and which is visible from the I-270 spur. If the Redgate request is approved, the monopole could be installed at Redgate within one month.

The Worksession adjourned at 11:20 p.m.